

## House Resolution 372

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, and Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending John Sowell; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, John Sowell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital  
3 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
4 citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, John was born October 25, 1928, in Henry County, and his family moved to  
6 Porterdale when he was just one year old; and
- 7 WHEREAS, John graduated from Tech High School, then an all-boys school on 10th Street  
8 in Atlanta, and which today is the site of Grady High School; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Margaret, and was blessed with  
10 three remarkable children, Mike, Jimmy, and Susan; seven amazing grandchildren; five  
11 incredible great-grandchildren; and one adorable great-great granddaughter, all representing  
12 five generations of Sowells; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
14 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
15 dramatically by his superlative service of 38 years with the Ford Plant in Hapeville; and
- 16 WHEREAS, John was an assistant doorkeeper with the Georgia House of Representatives  
17 from 1996 to 2018, for 22 years; and
- 18 WHEREAS, John has served on the Lake City Council for 26 years and was appointed as the  
19 mayor pro tempore for 2019 at the January 14 council meeting; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he is a Shriner and is a member of the Morrow Lodge and will receive his 65-  
21 year pin this year; and

22 WHEREAS, John celebrated his 90th birthday last year and visits City Hall every day; he  
23 enjoys spending time with family and supporting his community and can be found every day  
24 at Martin's for breakfast and at Ann and Bill's Restaurant in Forest Park for lunch; and

25 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high  
26 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom  
27 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved  
28 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this  
30 extraordinary Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend John Sowell for his lifetime of service to  
33 the State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John  
36 Sowell.